



**LRA Executive Committee Meeting: June 12, 2007**

**SUBJECT: Appointment of Onizuka Air Force Station Citizen's Advisory Committee Members**

**REPORT IN BRIEF**

On April 6, 2006, The Department of Defense (DoD) formally recognized the City as the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) responsible for the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process and to prepare the final reuse plan for the transition of Onizuka Air Force Station (AFS) to civilian use. The LRA selected a three member Executive Committee, established a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and selected LRA representatives on the CAC. LRA By-laws assign to the Executive Committee the responsibility to appoint task force members for one year terms. (LRA Bylaws (Article VII, Sections 1.b./Section 2) and CAC Bylaws (Article III, Section 2).

The LRA established the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), for the duration of the BRAC planning process. On June 15, 2006, the LRA Executive Committee appointed current CAC members to one year terms. One "At-Large" appointment subsequently became vacant. The CAC has completed Phase I of the BRAC process and their reappointment would ensure their continued participation during Phase II. Staff recommends that the Onizuka LRA Executive Committee re-appoint CAC members for a one-year term, and determine a path forward for the one vacant "At-Large" position.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2005 the DoD Secretary published a list of military installations recommended for closure including Onizuka AFS. In April 2006, DoD formally recognized the City as the LRA with authority to manage the BRAC process and to prepare a transition plan for Onizuka. On April 11, 2006 the LRA adopted By-laws which assign responsibility to the LRA Executive Committee for appointing task force members. The LRA appointed Members Swegles, Howe and Moylan to the Executive Committee. LRA members then appointed LRA Members Swegles and Chu to the CAC. On June 15, the LRA Executive Committee then appointed other CAC members and these one-year appointments are set to expire. One "At-Large" position is currently vacant. LRA bylaws state that vacancies in taskforce membership "...may be filled in the same manner as provided in the case of the original selection."

## **EXISTING POLICY**

**Legislative Sub-Element, Goal 7.3C:** "Participate in intergovernmental activities, including national, state and regional groups, as a means to represent the City's interests, influence policy and legislation, and enhance awareness." The LRA also relies upon its By-Laws adopted in April 2006.

## **DISCUSSION**

The LRA established the CAC for the duration of the BRAC process to create a public body for discussion and to advise the LRA on issues related to the community and economic development potential and reuse of Onizuka AFS. CAC members have completed Phase I identification of reuse options and their reappointment will ensure continued participation during Phase II selection of the preferred option. The Executive Committee will need to reappoint current CAC members for another one year terms, or in lieu thereof, appoint new members to replace them. CAC By-laws (Article III – Membership - Section 1 - Composition.) lists seven areas of interests to be represented. The CAC "shall include" the following interests, which are listed with their representatives.

- 2 Members of the Onizuka LRA
  - Authority Member Ron Swegles, Chairperson
  - Authority Member Dean J. Chu
- 1 Mountain View City Councilmember
  - Nick Galiotto, Mountain View City Council
- 1 Homeless Assistance Provider Representative
  - Sarah Wasserman, Homeless Assistance Provider
- 2 Sunnyvale Business Representatives (chosen from the following organizations)
  - Silicon Valley Leadership Group
    - Howard Chuck, Sunnyvale Business
  - Moffett Business Park Association:
    - Thom Bryant, Sunnyvale Business
- 1 Representative of Organized Labor (Onizuka AFS has a Local 2090)
  - Raymundo Ferdin, Organized Labor
- 2 Representatives of Sunnyvale Education
  - Sunnyvale School District
    - Nancy Newkirk, Sunnyvale Education
  - Fremont Union High School District
    - Geoffrey Kiehl, Sunnyvale Education
- 5 At-large Members (Sunnyvale residency is required)
  - Robert Lopez, Representing the Community "At-Large"
  - Josephine Lucey, Representing the Community "At-Large"
  - Charles Rogers, Representing the Community "At-Large"
  - Cynthia Cotton, Representing the Community "At-Large"
  - Vacant Community "At-Large" position.

CAC members have fulfilled their CAC responsibilities in attending meetings and considering each report to the LRA. They have become familiar with Onizuka's complex development constraints and reuse opportunities while offering helpful recommendations. This valuable perspective is not generally available to new appointees. Staff polled CAC members by email to assess their individual interest in serving during Phase II and received no objections to reappointment. Staff proposes that the LRA reappoint current CAC members – including LRA representatives – for another one year term, and identify the path forward, if any, to fill the “At-Large” CAC member vacancy.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact to this report.

### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made through posting of the Council agenda in public places, on the City's web page, and the publication of the general business/public hearing items in the *San Jose Mercury News*. This report will be distributed to all LRA and CAC members.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Re-appoint existing CAC members – including LRA representatives – for a one year term and direct staff on the path forward, if any, to appoint or fill one “At-Large” member.
2. Select other CAC members and do not re-appoint current CAC members.
3. Other action as directed by Council.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Alternatives 1 as follows: Re-appoint existing CAC members – including LRA representatives – for a one year term and direct staff on the path forward, if any, to appoint or fill one “At-Large” member. This option is recommended over replacing any CAC members in order to ensure continuity of CAC expertise during Phase II.

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